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Midshipman Bethany N. Wiskow awarded Captain Winifred Q. Collins Scholarship

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Midshipman Bethany N. Wiskow, of the University of Idaho NROTC Unit, was one of five Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) midshipmen who were recently named 1999 recipients of the Captain Winifred Q. Collins Award. Each midshipman will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

The annual “Winifred Q. Collins Award” is presented to third year female midshipmen who will complete their junior year in the May/June time frame. Nominees were selected on the basis of academics, leadership, and financial need. An awards board convened by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), the command that oversees the 57 NROTC Units nationwide, selected the winners.

Collins personally notifies winning midshipmen of their selection. In a letter to each of the scholarship recipients, Collins wrote: “This designates you as one of the finest midshipmen in the NROTC program.”

Capt. Collins, U.S. Navy retired, was commissioned in 1942 in the first group of women officers to enter the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1948, she was selected as one of 500 women officers to be commissioned in the regular Navy. In August 1957, she became the Assistant Chief of Navy Personnel for Women, the senior woman officer in the Navy at the time, and the only woman line officer serving in the rank of Captain. Collins retired in August 1962 after 20 years of active Navy service.

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Midshipman Bethany N. Wiskow is a Construction Management major at the University of Idaho. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.26, and is ranked 3 out of 30 in her training unit. Midshipman Wiskow went through Recruit Training, Naval Aircrewman Candidate School, and Naval Rescue Swimmer School. Since joining the University of Idaho NROTC Unit she has served as Company Senior Chief, and also received a letter of recognition from the Commanding Officer of the USS South Carolina (CGN 37) for her performance during midshipman summer cruise.

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